

DRAWING CHANGES

Applicant has added a number designation to a feature shown in Figure 1. No new matter has been added. Applicant requests the drawing change be accepted.

SPECIFICATION

Applicant has amended the specification to identify guide surface 100 shown in the drawings. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 22, 2004, the Examiner reviewed claims 1, 4-20. These claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Stuart* (U.S. 2002/0126853). Applicant believes the claims as amended stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 requires, “wherein said air induction body comprises a first portion housing said air filter and a second portion housing said speaker, said first portion selectively engageable to said second portion.” This feature is not taught by the cited reference. There is no indication within *Stuart* that the portion housing the air filter of the air induction body is selectively engageable to the portion housing the speaker. For this reason, claim 1 and its dependents, claims 4-10, stand in condition for allowance.

In addition, claim 7 dependents upon claim 1 and requires, “said channel body having a guide surface between said speaker housing and said air filter for directing air flow continuously from said speaker housing to said air filter.” This feature is not shown by the cited reference. Instead, there is a large gap between the speaker housing and the air filter. For this reason, claim 7 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 8 also depends upon claim 1 and requires, “said control unit mounted to said channel body.” There is no showing of a control unit mounted to a channel body disposed within the air induction body. For this reason, claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 requires, “said air induction body includes a connector for selectively engaging said first portion to said second portion.” There is no showing of a connector for selectively engaging the first portion to the second portion of the air induction body. Accordingly, claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitation, “said air induction body selectively engageable to a throttle body by a connection.” This feature is not shown by the cited reference. There is no indication within *Stuart* that any air induction body is selectively engageable to a throttle body by a connector. For this reason, claim 11 and its dependents, claims 12-18, stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 dependents upon claim 11. Claim 17 requires, “wherein said connector comprises a sleeve.” There is no showing of a sleeve that connects the air induction body to the throttle body in a selective fashion. For this reason, claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 dependents upon claim 11 and requires, “said first portion selectively engageable to said second portion.” This feature is not shown by *Stuart*. Therefore, claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 requires, “assembling the modular combination of air flow body, speaker and air filter into a vehicle by inserting the air flow body into a sleeve sized to receive said air flow body.” This step is not shown by *Stuart*. Therefore, claim 19 and its dependent, claim 20, stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 requires the step of, "disassembling the modular combination for service." This features is not taught by the cited reference. Therefore, claim 20 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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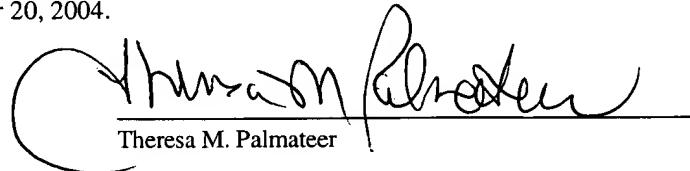
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